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Mr Thomas Beagle
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Dear Mr Beagle

I refer to your letter dated 21 November 2011 in which you requested information in relation to Automated Number Plate Recognition technology (ANPR).

Question 1

What is the current state of the ANPR trials?

The trial is currently ongoing and due for completion in January 2012.

Question 2

Please send me a copy of any reports memos or other documents that describe the outcome of the trial.

The reports that you refer to will not be compiled until the end of the trial.

Question 3

Are further trials planned and if so, what form will they take?

There are no current plans for any further trials.

Question 4

Are the police currently planning to deploy the ANPR system?

At the completion of the trial, and after an evaluation of the results, a decision will be made regarding planning and the deployment of the ANPR system.

Question 5

Please send me copies of any reports, proposals or similar documents that propose further trials or deployment of the system.

There are no plans for further trials of the system. Deployment of the system will be dependant upon a post trial evaluation.

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Question 6

What is the budget or expected expenditure for spending on ANPR related activity in the 2010/2011 financial year?

The expenditure for the 2010/11 financial year was \$78,526.73.

Question 7

What is the budget or expected expenditure for spending on ANPR related activity in the 2011/2012 financial year?

The expenditure for the 2011/12 financial year is \$71,340.00.

Question 8

Your original letter said that the ANPR lookups will be stored on a police database. Will this information include the location of the ANPR device at the time of the lookup?

Yes it will include the location or where the device was deployed.

Question 9

Are the police considering using the information stored in the ANPR database to track vehicles?

The ANPR system alerts police to vehicles that are a vehicle of interest to police recorded in the vehicles of interest database. Where ANPR identifies a vehicle of interest, police will stop that vehicle. ANPR supports existing police practice when vehicles of interest are detected during routine patrolling.

Question 10

If so, do the police believe they would need to apply for a warrant to use the information in this way?

There is no requirement for police to apply for a warrant for any ANPR information as it is gathered in a public place.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act 1982, to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision if you are not satisfied with the way I have responded to your request.

Yours sincerely



Paula Rose
Superintendent
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